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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4-61dd of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 *October* 1, 2004):
- 4 (a) Any person having knowledge of any matter involving
- 5 corruption, unethical practices, violation of state laws or regulations,
- 6 mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority or danger to
- 7 the public safety occurring in any state department or agency or any
- 8 quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-120, or any person having
- 9 knowledge of any matter involving corruption, violation of state or
- 10 federal laws or regulations, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority or
- 11 danger to the public safety occurring in any large state contract, may
- 12 transmit all facts and information in his possession concerning such
- 13 matter to the Auditors of Public Accounts. The Auditors of Public
- 14 Accounts shall review such matter and report their findings and any
- 15 recommendations to the Attorney General. Upon receiving such a

- 16 report, the Attorney General shall make such investigation as he 17 deems proper. At the request of the Attorney General or on their own 18 initiative, the auditors shall assist in the investigation. The Attorney 19 General shall have power to summon witnesses, require the 20 production of any necessary books, papers or other documents and 21 administer oaths to witnesses, where necessary, for the purpose of 22 investigation. Upon the conclusion of his investigation, the Attorney 23 General shall where necessary, report his findings to the Governor, or 24 in matters involving criminal activity, to the Chief State's Attorney. 25 The Auditors of Public Accounts and the Attorney General shall not, 26 after receipt of any information from a person under the provisions of 27 this section, disclose the identity of such person without his consent 28 unless the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General 29 [determine] <u>determines</u> that such disclosure is unavoidable during the 30 course of the investigation.
- 31 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 4-61dd of the general statutes is 32 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 33 October 1, 2004):
- 34 (c) Any employee of a state or quasi-public agency or large state 35 contractor, who is found to have knowingly and maliciously made 36 false charges under subsection (a) of this section, shall be subject to 37 disciplinary action by his appointing authority up to and including 38 dismissal. In the case of a state or quasi-public agency employee, such 39 action shall be subject to appeal to the Employees' Review Board in 40 accordance with section 5-202, or in the case of state or quasi-public 41 agency employees included in collective bargaining contracts, the 42 procedure provided by such contracts.
- 43 Sec. 3. Section 4-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the 44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):
- 45 No adoption, amendment or repeal of any regulation, except a regulation issued pursuant to subsection (f) of section 4-168, shall be 46 47 effective until the original of the proposed regulation has been

48 submitted to the Attorney General by the agency proposing such 49 regulation [, to the Attorney General] and approved by the Attorney 50 General [,] or by some other person designated by the Attorney 51 General for such purpose. The review of such regulations by the 52 Attorney General shall be limited to a determination of the legal 53 sufficiency of the proposed regulation. If the Attorney General or the 54 Attorney General's designated representative fails to give notice to the 55 agency of any legal insufficiency within thirty days of the receipt of the 56 proposed regulation, the Attorney General shall be deemed to have 57 approved the proposed regulation for purposes of this section. The 58 approval of the Attorney General shall be indicated on the original of 59 the proposed regulation which shall be submitted to the joint standing 60 legislative regulation review committee. As used in this section "legal 61 sufficiency" means (1) the absence of conflict with any general statute 62 or regulation, federal law or regulation or the Constitution of this state 63 or of the United States, and (2) compliance with the notice and hearing 64 requirements of section 4-168.

- Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of section 4-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* October 1, 2004):
- 68 (2) "Personal service contractor" means any person, firm or 69 corporation not employed by the state, who is hired by a state agency 70 for a fee to provide services to the agency. The term "personal service 71 contractor" shall not include (A) a person, firm or corporation 72 providing "contractual services", as defined in section 4a-50, to the 73 state, (B) a "consultant", as defined in section 4b-55, as amended, (C) a 74 "consultant", as defined in section 13b-20b, providing services to the 75 Department of Transportation, (D) an agency of the federal 76 government, of the state or of a political subdivision of the state, or (E) 77 a person, firm or corporation providing consultant services for 78 information and telecommunications systems authorized under 79 subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of section 4d-2.

Sec. 5. Section 4a-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

When any person supported or cared for by the state under a program of public assistance or in an institution maintained by the Department of Public Health, Department of Mental Retardation [,] or Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or when an inmate of the Department of Correction, or when any child committed to the Commissioner of Social Services or Commissioner of Children and Families dies leaving only personal estate, including personal assets owing and due the estate after death, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars in value, the Commissioner of Administrative Services or the commissioner's authorized representative shall, upon filing with the probate court having jurisdiction of such estate a certificate that the total estate is under twenty thousand dollars and the claim of the state, together with the expense of last illness not exceeding three hundred seventy-five dollars and funeral and burial expenses in accordance with section 17b-84, equals or exceeds the amount of such estate, be issued a certificate by said court that the commissioner is the legal representative of such estate only for the following purpose. The commissioner shall have authority to claim such estate, the commissioner's receipt for the same to be a valid discharge of the liability of any person turning over the same, and to settle the same by payment of the expense of last illness not exceeding three hundred seventy-five dollars, expense of funeral and burial in accordance with section 17b-84 and the remainder as partial or full reimbursement of the claim of the state for care or assistance rendered to the decedent. The commissioner shall file with said probate court a statement of the settlement of such estate as herein provided.

Sec. 6. Subsection (d) of section 9-390 of the general statutes, as amended by section 21 of public act 03-241, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

111 (d) The selection of party-endorsed candidates in the manner

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- provided in subsection (a) [, (b)] or (c) of this section <u>and the selection</u> of delegates to conventions in the manner provided in subsection (b) of this section shall be made and certified to the clerk of the municipality within the time specified in section 9-391, as amended.
- Sec. 7. Section 9-453e of the general statutes, as amended by section 54 of public act 03-241, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):
- Each circulator of a nominating petition page shall be a United States citizen, at least eighteen years of age [,] and a resident of a town in this state and shall not be on parole for conviction of a felony. Any individual proposed as a candidate in any nominating petition may serve as circulator of the pages of such nominating petition.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004
Sec. 2	October 1, 2004
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